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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : National Intelligence Officer for Warning

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SUBJECT : East Asia Warning Assessment

The following items were discussed by the Community Representatives at the 20 January warning meeting.

Warning Definitions and Activities -- The NIO for Warning, Fred Hutchinson, led a discussion of this subject.

DPRK Indicators -- Examination of this topic continued with the agencies listed below designated to take the lead on future presentations.

-- What has been the frequency and scale of ROK-US exercises in the South over the past year?

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-- What is the likelihood that the North Koreans are testing the reaction time and perception by the ROK-US of these NK actions?

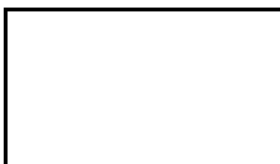
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-- The 16 April 1981 NIE, "The Korean Military Balance and Its Implications for Hostilities on the Peninsula" listed a number of indicators regarding a North Korean initiation of hostilities. Are these still valid?

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-- Similar events have evoked expressions of ROK alarm in the past. What were the reasons for the ROK calm during this NK exercise?

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- Given our knowledge of military establishments in the USSR, China and Vietnam, do we see these North Korean exercises as logical and gradual improvements in performance in accord with the progressive rise of the level of sophistication of the North Korean military establishment?

DIA

- From a warning point of view, is there a level of preparation and activity that is automatically a cause for increased warning in any NK training context? How different are North Korean warning indicators when exercises are not in progress?

DIA

In order to focus our deliberations, please prepare papers on these subjects and send them to me in time for distribution to the Community before our next meeting on 17 February. These may be in summary, definitional or outline form to provide a framework for exchanges of views. These working papers are not to be taken as formal statements of agency positions.

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